

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page of the application, please add the following paragraph, beginning at line 4:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of United States Utility Application Serial No. 09/875,720, filed Jun 6, 2001 and entitled Adaptive Equalizer Having a Variable Step Size Influenced by Output from a Trellis Decoder, the text and drawings of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.--